

## Davis-Cook, Shana

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**To:** Davis-Cook, Shana  
**Subject:** Oliver Street Park

To: The Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village

Thank you for your decision to reconsider the proposed installation in Oliver Street Park. Given the negative vote of nine out of ten members of the the Parks and Green Spaces Committee regarding the plan and the many concerns expressed by local residents and park enthusiasts, we feel that reconsideration is most appropriate.

In response to the Board's request to residents for ideas to improve dissemination of information and the obtaining of resident in-put regarding matters to be addressed by the Board, please consider the following:

- Divide the Village into designated geographic areas and, prior to each Board meeting that would address a matter affecting a designated area, notify the residents of that area by email. Similarly, allow residents to designate specific areas of interest (e.g. parks or trees) and notify such residents by email prior to a Board meeting that will address such area of interest. All of this could be done automatically by emails from the Village staff to the appropriate designated group prior to each Board meeting.
- Encourage residents to join committees; encourage each committee to give its independent advice and recommendations to the Board and give committee members direct access to the Board.
- Use consultants sparingly and in consultation with the pertinent Village committee; Seek the advice and recommendation of the pertinent committee prior to acting on the recommendation of a consultant.
- Avoid making decisions about sensitive matters over the summer months or during holiday periods when residents may be away and/or unaware of pending village business.

Respectfully,

Amy and Brian Christaldi  
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